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ANNUAL MEETING.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY,
Philadelphia, February 18th, 1876.

The Annual meeting of the Episcopal Association, for the promotion of Christianity among the Jews was held in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., Senior Vice-President of the Association, resident in Philadelphia, in the absence of the President, the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, took the chair.

Evening Prayer was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Spear, D.D., the Rev. W. H. Graff and the Rev. W. Munroe, after which the Annual Report was read by the Secretary, the Rev. John A. Childs, D.D. The Rev. Julius E. Grammer, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, Maryland, delivered the sermon. After the Sermon, the Association proceeded to business.

Owing, probably to a clerical error, the word "Protestant" had hitherto been omitted from the Title of the Society. On motion, this word was inserted before the word "Episcopal."

On motion, the following was adopted in the 2d article of the Constitution :

After the word "Vice-Presidents," it shall read, "of whom those residing in Philadelphia, shall be active, and non-residents, Honorary Vice-Presidents."

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year :

PRESIDENT.

RT. REV. WM. BACON STEVENS, D.D., LL.D.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Allen McCoskrey, D.D., D.C.L., Oxon,
 “ William Henry Odenheimer, D.D., D.C.L.,
 “ Frederick Dan Huntington, S.T.D.,
 “ Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, D.D.,
 “ Isaac Helmuth, D.D., D.C.L., Lord Bishop of Huron,
 “ Thomas A. Jaggar, D.D.,
 Rev. Phillips Brooks,
 Rev. George Leeds, D.D.,
 Rev. Robert T. Roach, D.D.,
 Rev. C. A. L. Richards,
 Rev. William W. Spear, D.D.,
 Rev. Edward A. Washburn, D.D.,
 Rev. Treadwell Walden, D.D.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rev. Richard Newton, D.D.,	Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D.,
Rev. William Rudder, D.D.,	Rev. Thomas F. Davies, D.D.,
Rev. Benjamin Watson, D.D.,	Rev. Charles W. Quick,
Rev. Wilbur F. Paddock, D.D.	

MANAGERS.

Rev. John A. Childs, D.D.,	Rev. W. H. Graff,
Rev. W. H. Munroe,	Rev. Jesse Y. Burk,
Rev. Theodore S. Rumney, D.D.,	Edward Ohmsted, Esq.,
L. Montgomery Bond, Esq.,	H. M. Kimmey, Esq.,
Zebulon Locke, Esq.,	Thomas G. Morton, M.D.,
Samuel K. Ashton, M.D.,	Jacob Roberts, M.D.

TREASURER.

Zebulon Locke, Esq.

SECRETARY.

Rev. John A. Childs, D.D.

MISSIONARY.

Rev. Louis C. Newman.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

RICHARD NEWTON,
 Chairman.

JOHN A. CHILDS,
 Secretary.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Association,
FOR THE
Promotion of Christianity Among the Jews.

In presenting our Annual Report, we have often found it necessary not simply to state what our work has been, but also to justify ourselves before some opponents for the interest which we maintain and manifest. There are theories, as we may style them, on the subject of the conversion of the Jews, which we cannot but regard as indefensible. As in the times of the Apostles there was always "a remnant according to the election of grace," so ever since that time, there were some who were ready to say, like Andrew, we have found the Messiah.

We cannot expect, in the very nature of things, that the Jew will seek the Christian for conversation and instruction, but we must accept the Saviour's words in their full implied meaning, I am *sent* to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

That the Society, and our friends everywhere may understand the character of the work done by our Missionary, we herewith give his annual report to the Managers.

"With much thankfulness your Missionary presents again his annual report. He has had the privilege of

continuing to set forth Christ crucified amongst the Jewish people. He has, as usual, proclaimed the message of salvation wherever an opportunity presented itself, and although sneers and blasphemies often greeted the message of mercy, the work has, during the past year, proved highly encouraging.

It is but right to re-state, for the information of the friends and supporters of the Society, by what mode I approach the Jew, and how the work of promoting the knowledge of Christ and His Gospel is carried on. As soon as I form the acquaintance of a Jew, I invariably point out the fall of Adam, and in him that of his children ; the institution of sacrifices as a necessity for an atonement ; the punishment of the innocent animals for the guilt of man ; and the insufficiency and impossibility of the law as the ground of hope for sinful man. Then I try to show that there is an identity of the teaching of the New Testament with that of the Old Testament. I then produce the prophecies which point to the time of the coming of the Messiah, the manner of His birth, His actions of life, His grandeur as a Prophet and Teacher above Moses, and His sufferings. I then refer to the resurrection of the Messiah as *the grand fact* which brings the truth home to our hearts, and stamps revelation with that which gives it *reality*. I then refer to the personal history of the apostles, who were witnesses of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, showing that they laid down their lives as a testimony to this particular truth. My way of access to the head of Jews is through the heart, by kindness ; my chief reliance for winning their souls to Christ, is *Prayer*.

INFIDELITY AMONG THE JEWS.

It is a sorrowful fact that I meet with infidel Jews in every part of the country; and instead of confining my efforts as stated above, my time is quite as often occupied in proving the Divine authority and inspiration of the Scriptures themselves. It is a fearful fact that the descendants of the very men who stood at the foot of Sinai, and visibly and audibly received the revelation given by God to man, unblushingly reject that revelation, and are yet loud in their professions of faithfulness to ancestral institutions. On their New Year's day, and on the great day of the Atonement, they hasten to their synagogues and pray with their lips for what they have no desire to be accepted and answered. A learned Jew said to me, when on his way to the Synagogue, on the Eve of the Atonement, "we want no better Palestine than America. I do not want to return to Jerusalem. New York and Brooklyn are much more beautiful cities than Jerusalem ever was, or can be."

"This comes," said I, "from your rejection of the word of God. You do not believe in the literal interpretation of fulfilled prophecy, therefore you cannot realize the glories connected with your national restoration; but why do you hasten this evening to the Synagogue and pray for your national restoration, the rebuilding of the Temple, the coming of the king Messiah, the son of David, when you do not desire it? What are your ideas of a prayer loving and a prayer hearing God?"

JEWISH OBJECTIONS TO MISSIONS AMONG THEM.

"Why," said a Jew, in New York, to me, "do you not go to the drinking and dancing saloons; they are

crowded by more wicked people than are found in the heathen world. Go to the thieves, the murderers, and the abandoned, which crowd the streets and the alleys, and civilize and humanize them; teach them your Christian religion; our morality is of a much higher standard than that of the average American; leave us alone." I replied, that if our missionary principles were only to serve the cause of civilization, or for the acceptance of a certain code of morals, we would let not only the Jews but every man alone. But as the Messiah said to the Jews, Whosoever believeth not in the Son of God shall be lost, the Christians, the disciples of that Messiah, hold it to be their sacred duty to let you of the house of Israel know (whether you hear or forbear), that this Jesus, whom your fathers have crucified, is the Lord and Christ.

INQUIRERS.

During the past year five adults placed themselves under regular instruction. Two of these left the city during my absence in Canada, and three were baptized, two in another denomination, and one in our Church.

BAPTISMS—ENCOURAGING DISCOVERIES.

While in some respects it is unpleasant to see others reap on our seed, it is, nevertheless, very encouraging to discover that God blesses our efforts. We know that many Christians regard all missionary enterprise with grave distrust; especially are they skeptical as regards success among the Jews. I have again and again been asked by some of the clergy and laity, "Mr. Newman, how many Jews have you converted this year?" To reply that I am engaged in a holy Scriptural work is perfectly useless; nor would it avail

me much if I were to advert to passages of Scripture, and the example of our blessed Saviour, who was, all the days of His life on earth, a missionary to the Jews. I must point to facts in order to prove that the work in which you are engaged is a *successful work*, and that the labor, time, strength, and energies, are not expended for naught. And I am grateful to report that I have many encouragements.

On the 17th of last month I went, by the invitation of the Rev. Dr. ———, to hear Bishop Holly. Entering the cars, I was accosted by Rabbi ———; after the customary salutations, he asked me whether I remembered Mr. ———, the learned Hungarian,* who used to discuss the subject of Christianity with me. I replied, that I remembered him very well. "Do you remember," said he "how he used to say that you never could convert him?" "He was right!" said I; "no man can be converted by man." "I am surprised at what you say, for he, his wife, and two half-grown children, have embraced Christianity. They live in New York. I have recently been to see them, so you see, that, after all, you have converted them." "Not so, Rabbi!" said I, "man can only be the instrument, but we are convinced, reprov'd, convicted, and converted by the Holy Spirit."

Coming to Radnor, Dr. H. took us to his children's hospital; he there introduced me to a lovely girl, about fourteen years of age. I recognized the Jewish features at once; I said to her, "You are the grand-

* Instead of being only "the learned Hungarian," he occupied the rabbinical office there; he also filled the rabbinical office in Philadelphia, and in 1865 he was elected by the rabbis in this city to the dignity of the chief of the Jewish Ecclesiastical Court, then the Jews delighted to honor him; now they say all manner of evil against him for his Saviour's sake.

daughter of the rich——; where is your mother and the rest of your family?" "My mother, with myself and my two brothers have joined the Episcopal Church, and happy I feel for that; as a Jewess I had no religion, and now I know in whom I have to believe, and what I believe." The mother then made her appearance, in company with Dr. H., who introduced me to her. "That is not necessary" said she, "I know Mr. N. well; he is one of my old and best of friends; he always sympathized with me."

But I am often tauntingly asked, "Where are the converted Jews of station, of learning, of talents?" I answer, they are to be found in all stations of life. At this moment there are at least one hundred and fifty clergymen in the Episcopal Church of England, America, and Canada, and as large a number in non-Episcopal organizations. In Europe most of the professors in the Universities are Jewish converts; but we insist that the missionary success cannot be estimated by the visible number of converts we are permitted to bring within the Redeemer's fold. I preach the Gospel in Jewish houses, stores and pulpits; the words spoken often touch the heart, and cause it to breathe forth prayer and praise to Israel's Redeemer. The missionary has the privilege to point out the danger to Israel's children; others have the joy of presenting them to the Lamb of God, who taketh away their sins. If the seed takes root in the heart, and brings forth fruits meet for repentance, we realize the blessing of the Lord on His work, and feel the fulfillment of His gracious promises. This is my encouragement when I labor in faith and love to set forth Christ crucified among the Jewish people, when I preach to them Jesus of the seed of David, Jesus the power and wisdom of God.

MISSIONARY JOURNEYS.

The great importance of this work can hardly be overrated. By it we scatter our various publications, which have an exclusive reference to the great dispute between Jews and Christians, among the dispersed children of Israel, and at the same time, we stir up by way of remembrance, the pure minds of the Lord's children to Israel's claims upon our Christian sympathies. It is truly a hard and laborious work. Traveling at night and working the whole day are not unfrequent occurrences. During the past year I visited Boston, Providence and Norwich, in the East; Grand Rapids, Detroit, London and Toronto, in the West; Washington, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Reading and York. New York, the largest Jewish City on the Globe, but not a single Missionary to carry the message of the love of Jesus to them. New York I visited almost monthly. A Christian friend said lately to me, "Mr. N. is not your work here lost time?"

"No," replied I.

"How many have *you baptized here?*" asked he.

"Baptisms, are not even reliable criterions of success. My chief work consists in proclaiming the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, exposing the errors of Judaism, whether pharisaic or reformed, and inviting them to come to Him on whom 'the Lord has laid the iniquity of us all.' This is my work and my duty. I carry on this work in dependence on the blessing which comes from above, and I care not by whom the rite of Holy Baptism is performed."

THE COMING CENTENNIAL.

In the Expositions of Paris and Vienna, the London Society for the Promoting of Christianity amongst the

Jews, had stands on which their various publications were exhibited; it was a grand opportunity to preach the Gospel to the thousands of Abraham's children who never could have heard the message of salvation before. The undertaking was highly successful. In view of these facts, I have made application to the London Society to send us help in the shape of books, and if possible, to send over the Rev. J. H. Bruhl—formerly a dear class-mate of mine—their Superintendent of the Vienna Exhibition. I trust they will grant both requests.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK SINCE JANUARY 1, 1875.

From January 1, 1876 to February 5, thirteen months and five days, I paid 535 visits to Jewish families. In all of these religious conversations were held. I received during the same time 244 visits from Jews, inquiring Jews and converts; and during the past thirteen months and five days I distributed 21 Hebrew, 8 German and 7 English Bibles, 22 Pentateuchs with Messianic selections of prophecies, 40 New Testaments, and over 125 parts of the New Testament, in Hebrew, German and English, 21 copies of the Book of Common Prayer in Hebrew, and 22 copies in German and English, several copies of the Old Paths and the Pilgrim's Progress, 98,000 pages of various tracts, exclusive of some 10,000 pages, given to 6 Clergymen for distribution among the Jewish friends.

During the same time (thirteen months and five days) I officiated 108 times, preached 82 times, administered and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion 8 times, and in addition to the baptisms

spoken of above, I baptized also two infants, children of believing Christian Israelites.

I am your your obedient servant,

LOUIS C. NEWMAN.

In closing our report, we would appeal to our congregations to send their contributions with such promptitude to the Treasurer, that the time of our Missionary may not be occupied as a matter of necessity with the presentation of the subject before the Churches of our Land.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Z. Locke, Treas., in account with P. E. Asso'n

1875		
January 1	To Balance from last year.....	\$243 42
	Salary and Poor's Purse, to April 1.....	700 00
	Collection at Anniversary.....	71 71
February	Christ Church, Adrian, Michigan.....	5 27
	St. Luke's Church, Lebanon, Pa.....	39 85
March	Good Friday Coll., Church of Epiphany, Philada. .	125 30
	St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, Md.....	56 53
	Christ Church, Bordentown, N. J.....	5 34
	All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Pa.....	16 63
	Church of the Evangelist, Philada.....	4 50
	Church of the Nativity, Philada.....	19 02
	St. David's Church, Manayunk	7 23
	St. John the Evangelist, Philada.....	2 33
	St. James's Church, Kingsessing, Pa.....	3 77
	St. Clement's Church, Philada.	23 45
	St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N. J.....	43 44
	St. Paul's Church, Bergen, N. J.....	10 00
	Stewart Brown, New York.....	50 00
	Trinity Church, Utica, N. Y.....	14 75
	Cash, Boston, Mass.	25 00
	Dr. G. C. S. Shattuck, Boston, Mass.....	30 00
	St. Stephen's Church, Philada.....	102 78
	St. Mark's Church, "	62 51
	St. Matthias's Church, "	29 30
	St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N. J.....	30 15
	Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Pa.	6 17
	St. Stephen's Church, Summit Hill, Pa.....	1 11
	Christ Church, Danville, Pa.....	5 00
	St. James's Church, Hestonville, Pa.....	3 00
	Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia	30 05
	Holy Trinity Church, Philada.....	123 88
	St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philada	5 03
	Grace Church, Baltimore, Md.....	50 12
	St. John's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	18 00
	St. Paul's Church, Columbia, Pa.....	5 82
	Mariner's Church, Detroit, Michigan	2 31
	St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	54 13
	Trinity Church, Norwich, Conn	34 00
	Christ Church, Norwich Conn.	13 00
	All Saints' Church, New York.....	14 00
April	St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md.	70 00
	" " special for Poor's Purse.....	18 60
	St. Peter's Memorial Chapel, Philada.	5 64
	Church of our Saviour, Philada.....	10 38
	Grace Church, Utica, New York.....	19 29
	St. Luke's Memorial Church, New York	1 63
	Trinity Church, Muscatine, Iowa.....	5 10
	St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan.....	4 02
	St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Pa.....	22 65
	Zion Church, Philada.	6 90
	St. Thomas's Church, Philada.....	5 08
	Free Church of St. Barnabas, Baltimore, Md.....	34 36
Amount carried forward.....		\$2291 55

Z. Locke Treas., in account with P. E. Asso'n

DR.

for Promotion of Christianity among the Jews.

1875.	To Amount brought forward.....	\$3680 04
July.	Rev. J. L. Reese, Albany, N. Y.....	5 00
	St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Pa.....	5 00
October.	St. George's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	7 00
Nov.	Diocese of Northern New Jersey.....	121 23
	12 months Interest on Gumbes' Legacy of \$445.00..	26 70
	Calvary Church, Conshohocken, Pa.....	2 00
		<hr/> \$3,846 97

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1875.	By Cash, Missionary's salary and Poor's		
Dec'r 31	Purse.....	\$2,800 00	
	" Extra to do for Poor's Purse....	51 00	
	" Special for do do	18 60	
	" Anniversary Expenses.....	28 55	
	" Printing Reports.....	61 75	
	" Missionary's Traveling Expenses	391 18	
	" Sundry Expenses.....	12 96	
	Balance to new account	482 93	
		<hr/>	\$3,846 97

*Z. LOCKE, Treasurer.**December 31, 1875.*

We, the undersigned auditors appointed to examine the above Treasurer's account, find the same correct.

H. M. KIMMEY,

L. MONTGOMERY BOND.

for Promotion of Christianity among the Jews.

DR.

1875			
April	To	Amount brought forward	\$2291 55
		St. John's Church, Washington, D. C.	50 00
		St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, New York.	22 41
		St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Pa.	2 00
		St. Ann's Church, Annapolis, Md.	9 00
		Church of the Atonement, Philada.	40 36
		St. Paul's Church, Cheltenham, Pa.	13 30
		Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md.	40 00
		Epiphany Church, Washington, D. C.	53 85
		Grace Church, New York	50 00
		St. David's Church, Radnor, Pa.	3 75
		St. Andrew's Church, Philada.	50 00
		Christ Church, Germantown, Pa.	35 39
		St. Peter's Church, Philada.	94 50
		St. John's Church, Norristown, Pa.	11 12
		Church of the Messiah, Boston, Mass.	36 03
		Trinity Church, Princeton, N. J.	43 01
		St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J.	16 78
		Holy Trinity Church, West Chester, Pa.	9 80
		Calvary Church, Conshohocken, Pa.	2 00
		Mount Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md.	49 51
		Trinity Church, Toledo, Ohio.	22 52
		St. Timothy's Church, Philada.	7 37
		Emmanuel Church, Kensington, Pa.	7 69
		St. Luke's Church, Philada.	133 30
		Trinity Church, Wilmington, Del.	15 50
		St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pa.	15 40
		St. John's Church, Carlisle, Pa.	7 92
		Christ Church, Detroit, Michigan.	20 00
		Christ Church, Philada.	2 00
May		American Church Missionary Society.	30 00
		St. Peter's Church, Germantown, Pa.	24 41
		Christ Church, Media, Pa.	7 47
		Church of Good Shepherd, Philada.	2 25
		Trinity Church, Southwark, Pa.	14 30
		W. T. Johnson, Waverly, Md.	12 00
		St. Mark's Church, Baltimore, Md.	11 30
		St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Pa.	6 07
		St. Paul's Church, Upper Providence, Pa.	9 16
		St. John's Church, Detroit, Michigan.	32 47
		Diocese of New Jersey.	49 95
		St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Pa.	62 54
		St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Philada.	9 55
June		St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.	9 48
		Christ Church, Adrian, Michigan.	3 23
		Diocese of Central New York.	34 84
		St. John's Church, Providence, R. I.	102 41
		St. John's Church, York, Pa.	31 10
July		Miss H. C. Long, Philada.	5 00
		Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.	50 00
		Rev. S. Earp, Grand Rapids, Michigan.	16 45
		Amount carried forward.	\$3680 04

MISSIONARY,
REV. LOUIS C. NEWMAN, 411 BLAKISTON STREET.

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